**Iowa**

**Electronic Skeet League Rules**

(IESL)

**Rule changes from previous years are in red**

## Participant Eligibility

### Student Status & Age

All School aged boys and girls in Grades 12 and under with the physical, mental and emotional maturity to participate in a team sport are eligible to participate in the IESL. Participants must be bona fide students enrolled in an accredited school or home schooled program. The athlete must be deemed academically eligible to participate in school sponsored sports programs.

The IESL eligibility ends with graduation from high school.

### Academic Eligibility

Team members must make satisfactory academic progress and be deemed eligible by school officials of their home school for participation in the school’s extra-curricular activities, including school sports teams.

### Conduct

All individuals REGISTERED with the IESL (Athletes, Head Coaches, an Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers and those ASSOCIATED with the IESL (parents and family members, et al.), MUST comply with the conduct requirements stated in the Sportsmanship Contract.

**IMPORTANT**! PLEASE NOTE: Breaches of the SPIRIT as well as the LETTER of IESL Rules, including stipulations in the Sportsmanship Contract WILL be grounds for SUSPENSION or EXPULSION from the program. Infractions of the league rules will be considered the same as an infraction of the SCTP Rules.

## Grouping Athletes (Divisions & Categories)

### Divisions

In the American Discipline, there are four competitive Divisions (Olympic disciplines have four divisions,). These Divisions, determined by School Grade Level, are designed to allow participants to compete on a level playing field. GRADE LEVEL in school, NOT AGE, is the criterion used to populate the Divisions.

### Classification

Each athlete will need to have his or her Division level set under the Conf tab in the athletes information tab.

All participants in the SCTP must be registered on a specific team for each discipline. Teams may be composed of members from neighborhoods, houses of worship, gun clubs, and youth groups such as 4-H Clubs, Boy Scout Troops, FFA Chapters, J.R.O.T.C. Programs, Venturing Crews, Girl Scouts, Police Athletic Leagues, American Legion Posts and V.F.W. Posts, to name

## **Teams (Definition of Terms)**

### Team Focus

The intent of the IESL is to provide participants with the opportunity to be a member of a TEAM. A team is composed of a group of individuals who are committed to a common goal and who work together regularly to achieve that goal. Ultimately, to achieve this unity of purpose, team members should spend quality time together in activities other than just shooting. Team members are required to practice on a regular basis with their team, and are expected to participate in team fundraising efforts and community service projects.

### Definition of a IESL Team

An IESL team is defined as one or more individual athletes registered by and guided by a head coach. There is no upper limit to the number of athletes on a team, and a team may compete in one or all of the disciplines.

### Distinction between Team & Squad

A TEAM is the entire group of athletes registered under a head coach. Each team is assigned a Team ID Number. A SQUAD is the competitive unity for every IESL competition.

### Competitive Squad

A IESL Squad that meets the Division and Category criteria is considered a valid COMPETITIVE SQUAD and is eligible to enter and compete in the IESL. A valid competitive squad to compete in skeet consist of 3 athletes.

There is NO LIMIT to the number of individuals that can be registered on a team; thus no limit to the number of squads per team. SEVERAL squads on a single TEAM may be entered in the same competition.

### Irrevocable Decision

An athlete will be allowed to compete on 1 IESL Team for any/all disciplines. An athlete will NOT be allowed to shoot one discipline for team A, and shoot a different discipline for team B.

### “Cherry Picking”

“Cherry Picking” individuals from within or outside the conference to form either a local team or a “State All Start Team” is strictly prohibited. “Cherry Picking” is putting together a group of “hot shots”, “all-stars” or a “paper team” to compete in the IESL. This practice runs counter to the letter and the spirit of the NWCTC, and is expressly prohibited. ATHLETES AND/OR COACHES VIOLATING THIS RULE WILL BE SUSPENDED AND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM!

## Team Requirements

### Head Coach

Every team MUST have a head coach who is 21 years of age or older. The first and foremost responsibility of the head coach is to ENSURE THE SAFETY of all participants. Head coaches MUST emphasize the safe handling and use of firearms in every facet of the Scholastic Clay Target Program

**IMPORTANT**! PLEASE NOTE: For all IESL events (head to head matches, or virtual matches.), team members must be under the supervision of the team’s head coach. All second year head coaches must be level 1 certified. In the event the head coach cannot be present, he/she must designate an assistant coach/adult volunteer who is registered with the SCTP National Organization and covered by the SSSF Insurance. Violation of this rule voids the volunteer liability insurance policy coverage, disqualifies the team from entering an event, and may result in the removal of the head coach from the SCTP.

## Head Coach / Assistant Coach / Adult Volunteer

### Head Coach Registration (Must be 21 years of age or older)

NWCTC head coaches are required to be members of the SCTP and complete the required registration.

* + Go to the SCTP Website at sssfonline.com.
	+ Click on the box “For Coaches” - select the position desired and follow the on-screen directions to begin the registration procedure.

The registration procedure includes 3 elements: Head Coach Registration Form; Background Check & “Double-Goal Coach Course”. You will be prompted step by step to provide the necessary information.

Cost is $30.00 and includes the background check and also gets you a $5,000,000 liability insurance.

### Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer Registration (must be 18 years of age older)

IESL assistant coaches/adult volunteers are required to be members of the SCTP and complete the required registration.

* + Go to the SCTP Website at sssfonline.com.
	+ Click on the box “New Coaches or Volunteers start here” - select the position desired and follow the on-screen directions to begin the registration procedure.

The registration procedure includes 3 elements: Adult Coach/Adult Registration Form; Background Check & “Double-Goal Coach Course”. You will be prompted step by step to provide the necessary information.

 Cost is $30.00 and includes the background check and also a liability insurance coverage.

## Team registration

### Each Team is required to be registered with the SCTP.

Each team must complete all required registration and paperwork with the SCTP to be involved with the IESL C.

The required completed paperwork consists of: Athlete Registration - Consent & Waiver (SSSF Form “C&W”); Sportsmanship Contract (SSSF Form “SC”); and the Medical Consent (SSSF Form “MED”).

Cost is $20.00 per athlete and this provides them with liability insurance.

### Registration Deadline

The DEADLINE to have your team registered to participate in the IESL is March31, 2016

## Safety (Required Procedures & Equipment)

### Required Eye/Ear Protection

All IESL registered athletes, coaches & anyone on the shooting field MUST wear EYE & EAR PROTECTION during ALL IESL competitive events.

### Special Safety Rules

* + Toe Pads: The use of toe pads is forbidden. It is a violation to rest the muzzle on the foot. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
	+ Foot Wear: Shooting in flip-flops or opened-toed shoes/sandals is prohibited. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
	+ Muzzle Control: While on a shooting post or station, the muzzle must never cross any part of the shooter’s anatomy or any other person’s anatomy. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.

### Allowable Equipment (Shotgun & Shot Shells)

* + Shotgun: Any shotgun action type, 12 gauge or smaller, may be used as long as it is in a safe and serviceable condition. Shotguns used for all the disciplines, except trap, must be able to shoot twice without requiring it to be reloaded.
	+ Shot Shells: Reloads are ALLOWED for and competitions, provided they comply with the discipline’s (NSSA) rule for payload weight and velocity.

### Traps and Range

All trap machines and ranges shall be set to National Skeet Shooting Association specifications before any league scores can be shot.

## Conduct

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Applies to coaches and athletes…Acts of displaying unsportsmanlike conduct (includes but not limited to:

* + Arguing with referees
	+ Unsafe handling of firearms
	+ Disrupting a competitor
	+ Cheating
	+ Consuming alcohol or the consumption of non-prescribed drugs before or during any NWCTC activity are prohibited, will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification, suspension, and expulsion from the conference.

HONOR THE GAME, TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT, AND FOLLOW THE RULES

## Schedule

As an electronic league we have the flexibility to shoot face to face or virtually. For some teams face to face brings out a new level of competition and can help prepare your athletes for Endowment, State and National Shoots.

Any face to face shoots will be scheduled between the head coaches of the teams that are competing against each other that week. Teams may send one squad or an entire team to shoot face to face. This is primarily a virtual league and travel is not required to compete against another team. Teams will decide between themselves who the host team will be depending on individual circumstances.

* The shooting week will run from Sunday until 11:59 Pm the following Saturday. All scores for that shooting week must be entered no later than Saturday midnight to count for the specified shooting week.
* The shooter must indicate that he/she is shooting for score prier to any target being thrown, and the score sheet must be highlighted to include shooters name and hit/loss record and final score.
* Each athlete shooting for score and coach is required to sign the score sheet.
* Score sheets will remain with head coach until the beginning of next season but may be available to be reviewed at the State Championship Shoot
* A shooter will be allowed to shoot a week ahead only if they are going to miss the next week.
* All Scores must be entered in a timely manner on the Shot 5 system, no scores will be able to be seen from the opposing team until 12:01 on Sunday of the next week, and you will be unable to post scores after that time.
* There will be no bye week. Each week the teams will compete against another. If scores are not entered by the deadline for the weekly competition, that week will be a loss for the team, but the scores will go toward the athletes season score.
* Once your athletes are aware of being able to see their scores and how they are ranking among others in their division, the faster the better.
* Conference shooting will be 25 targets per week.
* Team Scoring will be based on the top 5 shooters total targets hit.
* Athletes on teams that don’t field 5 shooters will compete individually for the season awards.
* Awards will be given for;
	+ Top Three Teams
	+ Top Three athletes in each Division

SCTP DIVISIONS (American Disciplines)

* + Rookie Division Grade 5 and Under
	+ Intermediate Division Grades 6-8
	+ Senior Division Grades 9-12
	+ Collegiate Division Full Time College Undergraduate
* Each team will be responsible to pay an athlete fee $2 per athlete by the second Friday of April.
* Team with most wins will be conference champ.
* If there is a Tie for Team award the first 25 targets for the top 5 athletes competing at the Iowa State Skeet Championship will be the tie breaker
* If there is a tie for Individual awards there will be a sudden death shoot off at the Iowa State Skeet Championships.