



2014

OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

Official youth program of the Amateur Trapshooting Association



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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](http://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. It is the responsibility of coaches and participants alike to be familiar with all aspects of the ATA Rule Book. All teams are expected 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. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all applicable laws within their jurisdiction are complied with.

## **SETTLING TIES**

Ties for all individual and team events will first be figured by reverse sub event. If a tie still stands, it will be figured by reverse run. If shooters are still tied after these determinations, it is up to shoot management to decide how the final tie will be settled.

## **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](http://www.shootata.com).

## **INSURANCE STATEMENT**

"AIM" has been added as an additional name 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 Sportsman's Insurance: 1-800-925-7767

## **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**

Singles will be the primary focus of the AIM program. Statewide Monthly AIM Shooting Events (MSE's) will be contested from 16 yards. The 2013 AIM National Championship tournament will include:

Individual and Team Championship (200 Singles)

Individual Handicap Championship (100 Handicap)

Individual Doubles Championship (50 pair Doubles)

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$25

The total fee for any eligible ATA member to participate in AIM is \$25. ATA annual membership for those under the age of 18 is \$12 and AIM membership is \$13. For participants 18 and older ATA membership is \$20 and AIM membership is \$5. 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: a blue ATA membership card, an orange AIM membership card, 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](mailto:membership@shootata.com) / 618-449-2224

## CATEGORIES: Based on age as of September 1, 2013

Categories remain the same for the entire target year

<b>Pre-Sub</b>	Age 11 and Under
<b>Sub-Junior</b>	Age 12-14
<b>Junior</b>	Age 15-18
<b>Seniors</b>	Age 19-23

## TARGET YEAR: September 1st – August 31st

Categories (based on age) are established on the first day of the target year. The Shooter's individual category will remain the same throughout the target year for all events, awards and AIM Annual Teams.

*Example: If a shooter was 14 years old on September 1, 2013, but turned 15 on December 8, 2013, their age that target year would still be 14 (Sub-Junior).*

## AVERAGE CARDS

When making entry at any registered shoot, shooters should produce 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. Updated average cards can be printed off of [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com) at any time.

# 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:

CLASS	PRE-SUB	SUB-JUNIOR	JUNIOR	SENIOR
AA	N/A	93% - 100%	95.5% - 100%	N/A
A	80% - 100%	87% - 92.99%	91.5% - 95.49%	94% - 100%
B	69% - 79.99%	81% - 86.99%	87.5% - 91.49%	90% - 93.99%
C	Under 69%	72% - 80.99%	80.5% - 87.49%	Under 90%
D	N/A	Under 72%	Under 80.5%	N/A

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.

# CLASSIFICATION (Continued)

## CLASSIFICATION FOR SQUAD - SINGLES EVENTS

### 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 Team 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:

	PENALTY CLASS (MINIMUM)	PENALTY AVERAGE (MINIMUM)
Pre-Sub	B	75%
Sub Junior	B	87%
Junior & Senior	B	92%

## 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 Shooting Events (MSE's)

All MSE dates can be found on the Shoots page of [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com).

MSE's will be held January through July of 2014, with every state having five (5) months each. 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 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. 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:*

Shoot Date	Shot At	Broke
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4/12	100	91
4/27	100	90

*\* High Score (used for MSE by ATA office)*



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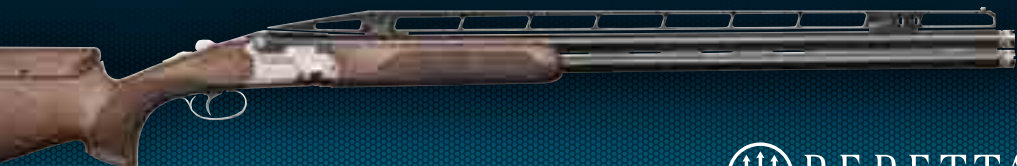
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When an ATA Singles event consists of more than 100 targets, the total score for this event will be averaged for the use of MSE's. Scores that are not whole numbers will be rounded up. *Example: A score of 197 out of 200 targets = 98.5% | MSE score 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 can be submitted using the Online Monthly Shooting Event (MSE) Score Submission Form found on [www.aim4ata.com](http://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).

Each AIM Director will pick five (5) months to host their state MSE's. AIM Directors must pick their state MSE months by December 27, 2013.

Per the ATA Rulebook (Section III: D, 1, f), 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 or corrections to [aim@shootata.com](mailto: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.



### 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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## Zone Championship

May 17-18 & May 24-26, 2014

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 registered score AT ANY GUN CLUB HOSTING AN ATA REGISTERED SHOOT on either of the two weekends. To find registered shoots in your area, please visit [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com).

To compete in the AIM Online Zone Championship, shooters must choose which of the five days they would like to compete on. If planning on shooting more than one of the five days, please declare beforehand which score you will be using for the AIM Online Zone Championship. If you only plan on shooting once, but then have another opportunity to shoot, please use your first score.

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.

To enter scores, please visit [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com) and fill out the AIM Online Zone Championships score submission form. Be sure to choose the correct "Participant Type" at the top of the form (Individual or Team). If you choose team, the scores will be entered for individual and team results. The form does not need to be filled out twice to be eligible for both. 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.

PARTICIPATION IN THE AIM ONLINE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OF THE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS.

Trophies are awarded within each ATA zone and are based on the following attendance:

### Shooters Individual Awards

- 5 Champion
- 10 Champion & Runner-Up
- 15 Champion, Runner-Up & Third
- 30 Champion through fourth

### Teams Team Awards

- 3 Champion
- 5 Champion & Runner-Up
- 8 Champion, Runner-Up & Third
- 10 Champion through fourth



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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 2014 target year, we are giving the option for State Shoots to include registered Handicap & Doubles 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 31, 2014.

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.

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

All registering states will receive an award package prior to their event to hand out to winning individuals and teams. Winners will also receive trophies mailed directly to the individual winners, and to the coaches of the winning teams, once the State Shoot Leader Board & Participation List are received at the ATA office. These forms must be submitted by the Director/Volunteer as soon as possible following the State Shoot.

Trophies for each age category will be awarded as follows:

### **Singles Event: (76 Awards)**

#### **Individual Awards**

##### **Pre-Sub & Senior Categories**

Champion, Runner-Up, & Third

##### **Sub-Junior & Junior Categories**

Champion through Fifth

#### **Team Awards**

**Champion, Runner-Up & Third each Category**

### **Handicap Event: (16 Awards)**

#### **Individual Awards**

##### **Pre-Sub & Senior Categories**

Champion, Runner-Up, & Third

##### **Sub-Junior & Junior Categories**

Champion through Fifth

### **Doubles Event: (10 Awards)**

#### **Individual Awards**

##### **Pre-Sub & Senior Categories**

Champion & Runner-Up

##### **Sub-Junior & Junior Categories**

Champion, Runner-Up, & Third



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## **Handicap Championship**

October 4-5 & October 11-12, 2014

Similar to the Zone Championship, the Handicap Championship, held annually the first two weeks of October, will also offer the opportunity for AIM shooters to shoot locally and compete on a larger level. The Handicap Championship is a national event. AIM shooters from all over the country will be competing with one another within their AIM categories and by yardage group.

Shooters must shoot 100 Handicap targets from their ATA yardage AT ANY GUN CLUB HOSTING AN ATA REGISTERED SHOOT on either of the two weekends. To find registered shoots in your area, please visit [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com).

To compete in the AIM Online Handicap Championship, shooters must choose which of the four days they would like to compete on. If planning on shooting more than one of the four days, please declare beforehand which score you will be using for the AIM Online Handicap Championship. If you only plan on shooting once, but then have another opportunity to shoot, please use your first score.

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](http://www.aim4ata.com). All shooters must shoot from their current ATA yardage to be eligible for trophies.

To enter scores, please visit [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com) and fill out the AIM Online Handicap Championship score submission form. The number of awards provided for this event is determined by the number of participants in each age category and yardage group.

PARTICIPATION IN THE AIM ONLINE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP IS **NOT** REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS.

PLEASE NOTE: In Handicap it is strongly encouraged that there shall not be more than two (2) yards difference between adjacent shooters in the 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 these squads.





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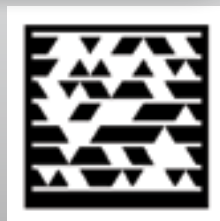


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Held in conjunction with the largest trapshooting tournament in the world, THE GRAND AMERICAN! The AIM Grand Championships will begin with shooting games, special events, and instructional seminars on Saturday, August 2. The games will continue on Sunday, but the AIM Individual Handicap Championship (100 targets) and the AIM Individual Doubles Championship (50 Pair) will be held on Sunday also. Trophies will be awarded to Event and Class Champions for each of these events.

The 200 target AIM Individual and Team Singles Championship will be held on Monday and Tuesday (100 Singles each day). To avoid penalty Class B classification in the Doubles event, shooters will have had to register at least 200 Registered Doubles targets prior to the AIM Doubles Championship. For the Singles event, shooters will have had to register at least 400 Registered Singles targets prior to the AIM Singles Championship. There will be no penalty yardage for the AIM Handicap event.

High-All-Around class 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.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ALL-STAR & ALL-ZONE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS, MEMBERS MUST COMPETE IN THE AIM GRAND NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Yearly scholarships will be awarded to eligible members. ATA Scholarships will be given out in Academics, Integrity, & Marksmanship.

Additional Scholarships include the Pat Ireland Memorial Scholarship, ACUI Scholarship, & Trapshooting Hall of Fame Scholarships.

Detailed information about all scholarships can be found on [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com) or in the 2014 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-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 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-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 members named ATA All-Americans of the same target year will not be eligible for AIM Annual Teams

# 2014 AIM ALL-STARS

Teams selected based on required criteria from the previous ATA target year

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WYATT CRINER, IL

LEVI BOLAN, VA

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PEYTON PLATTE, MI

CAMDEN NEWLIN, VA

CODY CRABTREE, MO

BENJAMIN HENDERSON, KY

ZACHARY BATSON, MO

GREY WILSON, IA

LEVI SCHROEDER, MO

## SUB-JUNIOR TEAM

**JACK CRINER, IL** Captain

HUNTER SZYMANSKI, PA

MAKAYLA BOISSEAU, TN

LOGAN HURST, AR

ALEX WERSTEIN, MI

NICHOLAS HOPE, KY

ERIC BUSA, PA

HUNTER ESERHAUT, IA

GUNNAR WATSON, PA

KENZEE MATTHEWS, AR

MAX BUNNING, MN

ZACHARY KALCIC, MO

BAILEY FINLEY, AR

LOGAN TAYLOR, AL

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## JUNIOR TEAM

**JASON IVANOVIC, IN** Captain

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J C TUNE, AR

DANIEL GRIFFIN, AR

HUNTER CARVER, KY

REID WINN, KY

PHILLIP BROWN, AR

GLENN HILL, AR

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KEVIN GOVER, MO

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JARET HOLDEN, MO

## SENIOR TEAM

**JOHNATHAN ADAMS, MI** Captain

CORY KEMNITZ, WI

CLARENCE VAN CAMP, MI

DALTON DILLDINE, AR

JACOB KAIN, MI

## 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, a person must successfully complete the NRA/ATA Trap Coach School. 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 “Coach Credential Request” form found on [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com).

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](mailto: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. AIM Coaches do not have to be Credentialed; however we encourage coaches to take the NRA/ATA Trap Coach School. To be an AIM Coach, please fill out and submit the “AIM Coach Registration” form found on [www.aim4ata.com](http://www.aim4ata.com). 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 a place.

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# SHOOT REGISTRATION GUIDE - HOW TO

1. A Registered Shoot Application Form, obtained from the ATA, or local State Secretaries, should 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, but 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 program for every shoot must be published 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 and AIM websites (shootata.com & aim4ata.com) by emailing programs@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. Using the proper form(s), coaches/parents are to submit AIM MSE and Zone Shoot scores. These forms can be found on aim4ata.com. Without the submission of these AIM forms AIM headquarters will not know of a shooters participation in the event.

**Please note:** According to the ATA Rule Book (Section IV: G4) "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."





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# AIM HANDBOOK TERMS & DEFINITIONS

## Average

The percentage of targets the shooter has hit out of the total shot at.

## 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. AA 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 trophies and fires twice, once at each target that are fired simultaneously.

## Earned Yardage

Yardage will be automatically earned by shooters of high scores in all 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 are 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 the Grand, Zone, State and other 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 all targets in a program. At the Grand American, it includes 1,000 targets over the final six days.

## Penalty Classification

Shooters are automatically placed in penalty class if they do not meet the target requirements setup for a specific shoot. Shoot Management may establish penalty classification for 16-yard targets and Doubles.

## 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.



# Trap Shooting Tips

from: Dave Kelly

TRAP



Dave Kelly

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 pass and one trap at a time, do not let the total number of targets intimidate you.

#### **Achievements**

- 12 Time California State Team
- All American
- 3 Time PITA All Star Captain
- 19 State Championships (ATA/PITA)
- 5 West Coast State Handicap Championships
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