

## **WARREN COUNTY YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE SAFETY RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

You have indicated an interest in becoming a member of the Warren County Youth Trap League. Membership in the league must be considered a privilege, not a right. You will be a part of a group that expects high standards of behavior from its members, both at shooting events and in your everyday activities. Therefore, there are certain rules that must be followed. Listed below is our Code of Conduct and Trapshooting Etiquette:

**UPON ENTRY TO A TRAP RANGE, SHOOTERS SHALL EXERCISE THE  
HIGHEST LEVEL OF FIREARM SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.**

1. Make sure you understand where your assigned trap bank is located. Be sure you are behind the bank well in advance of your turn to shoot. Forcing the rest of your squad to wait for you is most inconsiderate, and holds up every squad behind you. This also means having all of your equipment and gear ready to go.
2. Be ready when your squad is called and when it is your turn to shoot in the squad.
3. Have your shells where you don't have to stoop to get them; it is distracting to other shooters. Do not lean over each time to pick a shell out of a box on the ground or to pick up empties.
4. Avoid any unnecessary movement on your post which might distract or interfere with other shooters. Do not raise your gun until the shooter ahead of you fires.
5. Remain on your post, standing facing the trap quietly, until the fifth shooter has fired and then move to the next post. At the end of the round remain still on your last post facing the trap until the last shooter has fired the last shot. If you are leadoff, do not fire until you have checked and ensured that all members of the squad are on their posts and ready after each change of post.
6. Never load your gun before changing positions. When going from Post 5 to Post 1, turn to the right to avoid bumping guns with the shooter coming from Post 4. When moving from Post 5 to Post 1, always walk behind the other shooters.
7. Load only one shell at a time except in doubles. If a delay occurs, remove the shell(s) from the chamber. Close your gun only when you are on the post facing the trap. Close it only when you are preparing to shoot and avoid disturbing other shooters when doing so.
8. Do not allow ejected shells from your gun to hit or annoy other shooters.
9. Do no unnecessary talking on the firing line. When not on the firing line, keep your voice down when you are around other squads who are shooting. Remember, other shooters on the squad and on adjacent traps deserve to shoot undisturbed.
10. Time your shooting to establish a rhythm in the squad. Call for your target in a clear voice; do not call in such a loud voice so as to trip the voice releases on adjacent fields.
11. Be a sportsman at all times. If you are shooting well, others are aware of it; you don't need to brag. By the same token, if you are having a bad day, accept it without complaint or displays of anger. Don't do anything that might interfere with other shooters.
12. Observe safety rules. Do not point your gun at another, even if you think it is unloaded. On the firing line, always keep your gun pointed toward the ground or trap house. Off the firing line, keep your action open and your muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Treat every gun as if it is loaded.

13. Shooters are almost always happy to have you look at their guns if you ask permission first. Do not pick up another shooter's gun from the gun rack and handle it without asking.
14. Above all, have fun and treat every other shooter the way you would like to be treated.

**ALL SHOTGUNS ARE TO BE KEPT IN DESIGNATED GUN RACKS WITH ALL ACTIONS OPEN, AND ALL FIREARMS UNLOADED AWAITING USE.**

- Shotguns may only be removed from the gun rack immediately before shooting and must be returned immediately following.
- On the firing line, shotguns must be pointed down range at all times. Shooters must continue this policy until the squad has completed its round and been called "squad out" by the score keeper, and it is safe to leave the line.
- Shotguns may be loaded only when it is your turn to shoot and trap helpers or coaches have confirmed that you and your squad are ready to shoot.
- At no time whatsoever will the muzzle of any firearm pass near any other person or shooter.
- Ear and eye protection are mandatory and must be worn by all shooters on the live range area.
- Shooters may not pass forward of their designated yardage for any reason without permission.
- Shooters will show up early for all scheduled events in order to be assigned to a squad and have adequate time for practice.
- Shooters will be ready to shoot at the designated times.
- Shooters will abide all rules of the Warren County Youth Trap League Rules.
- The use of drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco products by any student shooter is prohibited.
- Shooters must be enrolled in and attending school at the time of any league event. Suspended or expelled students will not be eligible to participate in an event during the term of suspension or expulsion.
- Team members are expected to make satisfactory academic progress outlined by the school administration.
- Shooters will act in a safe and responsible manner at all times. This includes the time when not shooting, such as before or after participation.
- No inexperienced member may shoot unless supervised by a designated coach or coaches assistant.
- Shooters will treat league members and others associated with the league with respect and support.
- Shooters will not cause a conflict or agitate other league members in any manner.
- Shooters and those associated with the league will provide a positive support at all times.

- Shooters and those associated with the league will not be overly loud or distracting while others are on the line.
- Shooters prior to and following your scheduled shooting times must provide encouragement to fellow league members and give them moral support. Shooters should stay at the range until awards have been presented.
- If a shooter must leave the range for any reason, they are required to get permission from a designated coach prior to leaving the grounds.
- Shooters will act as league members and provide whatever is needed to help the good of the overall league.

All members of the league are expected to obey this Code of Conduct at all times. Failure to do so will result in a review which may lead to expulsion from participation.

All members and their parents or legal guardians will receive a copy of this Code of Conduct and will affix their signatures to acknowledge acceptance of and agreement with this Code of Conduct.

**WE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE READING AND ACCEPT THE AFOREMENTIONED  
Warren County Youth Trap League Code of Conduct**

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Signature (Student Participant)

Date

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Signature (Parent/Legal Guardian)

Date

**SAFETY GUIDELINES**  
**FOR THE**  
**WARREN COUNTY YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE**

1. All students will be instructed in gun safety before any shooting or gun handling is allowed by a National Rifle Association certified Shotgun I instructor.
2. All students will be instructed in range safety by the hosting club range officer.
3. A National Rifle Association instructor or coach will supervise all shooting at the range.
4. Shooting glasses and ear protection are required at the shooting range.
5. A Red Cross qualified CPR and First Aid person will be at all shooting events.
6. A first aid kit will be on site at all shooting events.
7. All beginning shooters will have one on one instruction at the firing line.
8. All firearms will be transported to the gun clubs by parents or team coaches.
9. All ammunition will be supplied by the host club for all matches and will be new and not reloads.
10. Shooting on the school trap team is a privilege and not a right. The range officer or team coach will dismiss any student from the team for unsafe or disruptive behavior.