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SCISA is an educational organization which promotes a scholastic shooting program which emphasizes teaching safe firearm handling, teamwork and leadership by taking part in a sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. The program exists to introduce 6-12 graders to shooting sports and to facilitate their continued involvement by providing, promoting, and perpetuating opportunities to safely and enjoyably participate and compete in a high-quality, team-based sport led by trained adult coaches focused on enhancing the personal growth and development of the student-athletes. SCISA's educational based program is designed to instill in young people a set of personal values or character traits for: Fair play, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and personal commitment.

Rules and SCISA Policies

Grade Level for Participation:

- Academically eligible students in grades 6 - 12.

Student-Participation Educational Training Requirements:

- Successfully completed SC DNR's Hunter's Education.

TEAM

- A team is at least one squad of up to 3 members.

Season

- Open

School Registration

- Yes. Set by SCISA.

Coaching Requirements:

1. One coach per 3 student-participants.
2. Head/Assistant Coaches – Must have completed at least the SC Youth Shooting Foundation 1-Day Training or the 4-H Shotgun Training before they can be a squad coach on Event day. The SCDNR will also accept NSCA/NSSA Level I, II, III or Scholastic Instructor Course training as well as CSM Clays Certification.

Event Coaches Meeting and General Information

1. Coaches meeting – There will be a Mandatory Coaches Meeting prior to all Sporting, Skeet and Trap Events. Any Coach not attending the meeting will result in his/her team squad being disqualified from participating in the Event. No Exceptions.
2. SCDNR Event Day – A Coach trained that meets or exceeds the above requirements for Head or Assistant Coach is required to be assigned to a squad at any SCDNR sponsored event. For the Youth Sporting Clays Open, a coach is required for each 3 person squad and allowed to coach an additional squad having no more than 1 shooter at the same time. A coach is required for every 5 person squad or less for Skeet and Trap Events.
Primary Responsibility – Coaches primary responsibility on Event day is to create a safe environment at all times for shooters, spectators, club personnel and themselves.
3. Coaching the Squad – The coach is allowed to coach the squad between stations or while watching other squads shoot as long as a distance of 15 feet is maintained from the shooting box.
4. Position of Coach for Sporting Events – The coach must stand directly behind the shooter in or just outside of the shooting box within arm's length of the shooter. Arms length is the rule on Event day. A coach found in violation of the rule will be disqualified immediately resulting in the entire squad being eliminated from the Event.
5. Position of Coach for Skeet and Trap Events – The Coach must maintain a minimum distance from the shooter to create a safe environment from shooter error and gun or ammo malfunctions. A coach found in violation of the rule will be disqualified immediately resulting in the entire squad being eliminated from the Event.

SCISA has partnered with The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) in Trap and Skeet.

*** Note: if a school is participating in a SCYSF or SCTP event, you may be subject to their policies in addition to SCISA or SCDNR policies.*

Safety On Event Day

1. Ear and Eye Protection – Required by everyone on the course – shooters -coaches – parents – spectators – club personnel. No Exceptions!
2. Actions Open – Automatic and pumps guns must have the action open at all times with the barrel pointed up when walking and riding. The open action will be facing forward when carrying shotgun. Over/under shotguns must be carried over the shoulder with the barrel in front controlled by the hand on the barrel and pointed down.
3. Slings and Straps – Slings and straps attached to the shotgun are NOT allowed at any SCDNR shooting event.
4. Vehicles – To operate a cart/golf cart or any ATV vehicle – operator must have a valid Driver's License and meet all the requirements of the Host Club to operate a vehicle onsite. All guns will be transported in vertical position while on vehicle.
5. Muzzle of the Shotgun – The muzzle is to be controlled and pointed in a safe direction at all times. Muzzle cannot be rested on any part of the body including but not limited to foot area, chin, hand and arm.
6. Footwear – Open-toed shoes, such as flip-flops / sandals / etc. are NOT allowed at any SCDNR sponsored shooting event. Any shooter wearing open-toed shoes will be disqualified.
7. Factory Ammunition Only – No reloads allowed! Any shooter found using illegal ammunition will be disqualified –
No Exception. Legal ammunition for 12, 20, 28 and .410 cannot exceed shot size greater than #7 1/2 shot – #8, 8 1/2 or #9 shot is legal. The maximum load for 12 GA – 1 1/8 oz of lead – 20 GA – 7/8 oz – 28 GA – 3/4 oz – .410 – 1/2oz in a 2 1/2” length shell.
8. Shooters can load 2 shells maximum – There are no single shots on the course.
9. Coaches make sure the shooter exits the shooting stand with a safe gun and muzzle is pointed in a safe direction as shooter has completed the station.

Important Contact Information

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/SCTS/index.html> (Trap & Skeet Championships)
StephensM@dnr.sc.gov

Moree's Sportsman Preserve (site of SCISA's Sporting Clays Championships)
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SCYSF
<https://www.scysf.org/about-scysf>

SCTP
<https://mysctp.com/>

The South Carolina Independent School Association Scholastic Shooting Sports Parent and Student Consent & Waiver

Student's Name _____ School _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____

Mother/Father Cell Number _____

Hunter Education # _____ Male ___ Female

Participation in extra-circular activities carries inherent risk of injury. SCISA and the scholastic shooting sports communities will promote, emphasize, and mandate the proper safe handling of firearms and will reaffirm the proper shooting skills at events, the risk cannot be eliminated. Parents and participants must understand that the risks and dangers associated with the use of firearms include, but are not limited to, serious injury, permanent disability, and death.

Your Signature Indicates That The Student-Participant And Parents Knowingly And Freely Assume All Such Risks.

The Student-participant and his or her Parents/Guardians, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS SCISA, SCDNR, SCYSF, 4H, SCTP, Moree's Sportsman Preserve and its employees, officers, officials, and/or agents "Releasee's", WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, except that which is the result of gross negligence and/or wanton misconduct.

Student-participants and their parents/guardians agree to defend, indemnify, hold harmless Releasee's against any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, judgments and expenses (including legal fees) by third parties for any bodily injury, death or property damage or other incident occurring due to, arising out of, or in connection with Student's participation in a scholastic shooting sports event.

Students and parents/guardians give their consent to EVENT staff to provide emergency services and transportation as warranted in the course of student's participation in a scholastic shooting sports event. The parents' shall be responsible for all such cost.

We the undersigned, have read this consent and waiver form and fully understand the warning of inherent risk, and terms for participation. We sign it freely and voluntarily.

Student-participant's signature

Student-participant's signature

Date

Date