

# Lake & Valley Trap League 2023-2024 Rules

Election Results for the Lake and Valley Trap League (Election held July 16, 2023)

President: Red McGuire, Albion  
Vice President: Dorian Monroe, Albion  
Secretary: Tyler Huth, Cochran  
Treasurer: Kathy Monroe, Albion

## **Rules for the Lake & Valley Trap Shooting League,**

Election of Officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the Lake & Valley Trap Shooting League. All League members from the season just ended shall be entitled to attend. Only Team Representatives will cast votes on matters pending before the membership. The current Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of this meeting unless otherwise exempted in this document. The meeting will take place during the summer months prior to the first shoot of the following year, which is normally held during the month of September. This meeting will be held, at a time and location to be announced, to all member clubs, at or before the final shoot of the season.

The Executive Committee of the Lake & Valley Trap Shooting League will consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The day-to-day operations of the Lake & Valley Trap Shooting League will be maintained by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall conduct such business as is necessary to allow normal operations to take place, including, but not limited to, the setting of League standards, scheduling, club memberships, classifications and the receipt and disbursement of funds.

The position of Secretary shall receive a fee of \$150.00 following the end of each season provided that the Executive Board has found his/her service to be satisfactory. (6-11)

All shoots will be governed by ATA standards, specifically including the Failure to Fire rules, for matters other than classifications, unless otherwise noted. All host clubs are to be familiar with these ATA rules. A copy of the ATA rules is available on the ATA website if needed. Printed copies may also be available.

Effective July 20, 2014 all orange or orange with a black rim targets will be used for L&V shoots. The same color targets must be used for any one match. (Modified 7-12-15)

Registration time is normally from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. unless otherwise listed by the host club. A team, IF THEY WISH, may have registration and shooting start prior to the current 10:00 A.M. start time (Exception for Greenville due to local agreement. Greenville start time is 12:00 P.M.). This registration and shooting time cannot be earlier than 8:00 A.M. Shooting cannot start until at least one member of a non-hosting club is present. If a club wishes to utilize a scheduled start prior to 10:00 A.M. that club

must notify the Team Reps and Officers of their desire so that the time they wish to start can be included on the Schedule Card, web site, and other locations as may be needed for all members to be aware of the new time. Registration end time will continue to be 3:00 P.M. unless otherwise listed by the club (Greenville end time 4:00 P.M. as is the current rule). (7-2014)

**League and Targets Fees:** Total Fees per shoot are \$12.00 (\$10.00 Targets, \$2.00 League Dues) Juniors charged \$8.00 (Target Fees \$7.00 Targets with \$1.00 for League Dues) (Prices modified 7-16-23). Such Junior shooters shall be noted on the Master Sheets to allow for proper accounting of League Dues fees to be transferred to the League. League fees apply at all league shoots Including Shoot offs. The Executive Committee has the option to increase the target fee \$0.50 at any time during the year if increased operating costs justify such an increase. This increase will apply to Junior and Adult shooters. (Modified 7-14-19) The club affiliation listed by a member on the first shoot entered will remain in effect for the entire shooting season.

Entry into the special categories listed Veteran and Junior will be determined by the age of the shooter at the time of registration. To qualify for the Junior category, the shooter must be under 18 years of age when registering. Veterans are required to be 65 years of age or older at the time of registration. Female shooters may select to enter the Ladies category. Lady shooters who qualify by age may instead choose to enter the Veteran or Junior categories. There is no special age related category solely for Lady shooters. Any shooters wishing to be entered into any Special Category must sign up on the signup sheet while they are available during one of the first four shoots of the season. They need not be signed up prior to their first shoot squadding (amended 7-7-22).

All shooters **MUST SIGN UP IN PERSON AND PAY THEIR ENTRY FEE WHEN SIGNING UP.** No Proxy sign-ups are allowed. Squads are to be called to the line in the order they are entered with partial squads allowed. (7-14-19)

Any scores which a shooter believes have been omitted or entered incorrectly must be brought to the attention of the Secretary prior to the start of the following months shoot. For the last shoot of the season the scores will be considered official seven days after the award winners are posted on the web site. All corrections or omissions must be brought to the attention of the Secretary (or other member of the Executive Committee in case of the absence of the Secretary) prior to the end of this seven day period. No awards or trophies will be presented until this seven day period ends. Any needed corrections will start a new seven day period.

### **SCORING, TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

Team Award placements are determined for the twelve shoots which constitute the regular season. The final shoot is also a Special Awards shoot. Requirements for this Special Awards shoot are listed below.

The winning team Award score will be based on the following criteria: (7-14-02)  
(Modified 7-13) Only scores actually shot will be used in the computations of team scores.

The maximum number of points for the highest score will be equal to the number of teams in the League. (i.e. With five member teams, the highest possible team points score would be five.)

Teams with tie scores will be given the number of points for the position tied for and the positions below. (i.e. If two teams tie for first place and there are five teams in the League, the points for both first and second place will be added and then divided equally between the two teams. 1st place 5 points and 2nd place 4 points will be averaged to award each team 4.5 points each. A three way tie for 1st place would average the 5, 4 and 3 points respectively, 12 points, and award each of the tied teams 4 Points. Ties for positions below 1st place would be averaged similarly.) (adopted 7-13)

All shooting for League averages shall be conducted on two rounds of twenty-five targets each. Should a shooter only shoot in one sub-event, the Score Sheet shall be so noted and such averages shall be calculated at the completion of the season based on number of targets shot at vs. number of targets hit. (7- 08)

A Hi-Gun Trophy will be awarded to the shooter who has posted a minimum of seven regular season scores and holds the highest average of all shooters with seven or more regular season scores. All regular season scores will be included in the average computation for the High Gun.

The High Average shooter, who has posted a minimum of seven regular season scores, with the highest average in each of the four classes and Special Categories will be awarded the Class or Category Champion trophy.

(In the event of a dual win in both class and category, for awarding trophies to Special Category shooters, a Class winner will be considered to rank above a Category winner.) A person can win only one season trophy per season.

A trophy for the season will also be awarded to the highest team(s) based on the season's total points the team has earned by the team during the twelve shoots of the regular season. (Modified 7-12) In the event of a tie for the Team League Champion Award, all Teams tied for first place in Point Standings will conduct a Shoot-Off at the Team with the Highest Total 5 shooter team total score for the entire year. If the bird count is also tied, a flip of a coin will determine the shoot-off location. This shoot-off must be conducted no later than one month after the last shoot of the regular season at a time, within the normal shooting hours at that club, to be agreed on by the team representatives for those teams. If no agreement can be reached by the team representatives, the shoot-off must be held on the fifth Sunday following the last regular season shoot, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. To be eligible to participate in the shoot off, a team member must have shot in a minimum of five regular season shoots. (added 7-13)

A minimum of FIVE shooters entered and meeting minimum qualifications in the Veterans & Ladies Special Categories are required before a Trophy will be awarded in that category. A minimum of THREE shooters entered and meeting minimum

qualifications in the Junior Category are required before a Trophy will be awarded in that category. (6-27-04) (Amended 7-7-22)

Classification will be determined by the shooters average from the previous L&V season provided five or more scores were entered in that season. If a shooter does not have an established average from the previous season, a minimum of the first (5) five shoots will be used to determine his/her classification. (Modified 7-12-15)

For Season Classification purposes the classes are defined as follows:

Class	From	To		Class	From	To
A	46.501	50		C	41.501	44.000
B	44.001	46.500		D	0	41.500

All Lake & Valley Trap Shooting matches are to be conducted on two adjacent trap fields in two rounds of twenty-five targets each. Any club having more than two trap fields (4) may use all four fields to help expedite the match. (7-9-17) (Also see next sections regarding trap malfunctions and Practice traps.)

For locations with only two trap fields available, a malfunctioning trap shall be repaired or replaced as quickly as possible. Should it be impossible to repair or replace the malfunctioning trap, the host club shall adjust the squad shooting sequence in such a manner as to minimize the disruption caused by the malfunctioning trap.

In the event of a trap malfunction where more than two trap fields are available, the host club can designate which field is to be used to replace the field with the malfunctioning trap. This field shall then be used for the remainder of the shoot. In the event of a second malfunctioning trap, the home team can then select which field shall replace the second malfunctioning trap. This field shall then be used for the remainder of the shoot. Practice shooting can be conducted by the host club on traps not assigned to the Lake & Valley match, provided such practice does not disrupt the Lake & Valley League shooting.

The last shoot of the season, which is normally held in June, will be a Special Awards shoot. Groupings, based on current Lake and Valley season averages, will be determined by the Executive Committee in such a manner as to provide for a fair and equitable distribution of awards to High Shooters in each group. Groupings will be determined following the completion of the shoot preceding the Special Awards shoot and will be available at the time of registration at the Special Awards shoot.

A minimum of five regular season scores must be entered for a shooter to be eligible for entry into the groupings for the Special Awards shoot awards.

Award distribution will be to the Top three scores in each grouping based on a 50%-30%-20% distribution. [i.e. The shooter(s) with the highest score in their group will receive 50% of the special award (the 50% will be divided equally in the case of a tie), the shooter with the second highest score in their group will receive 30% of the special

award, and the shooter with the third highest score in their group will receive 20% of the special award.] (7-14-02)

Any ties in the special awards shoot will be decided by a reverse run format [i.e. we will start at target #50 and count backward looking for the first miss. The shooter, or shooters, with the longest run of hit targets (counting backward from #50) will be the winner. Should there be a tie with a perfect score of 50, the shooters will share the award money (split equally). Should there be a tie where the shooters also have the same reverse run score, the shooters will share the award money (split equally). (Tie-Breaker format added 7/16/23)

Attendance award - In an attempt to increase attendance at the last shoot of the season (normally held in June), a money prize will be awarded in the manner described below, **with all shooters entering having entered into a minimum of five league shoots (including the final shoot)** to be eligible. The amount of the prize will be awarded on a 50-30-20% basis to the three names drawn, in order of drawing, to all shooters entering a score in the last shoot of the season. (6-27-04) (modified 7-12-15)

Effective beginning with the Annual meeting preceding the 2003-2004 season, any team not having a Representative in attendance at the Annual Meeting will be assessed a \$10.00 penalty fee. The Executive Board may waive this penalty fee if adequate cause is presented for the non-attendance of a representative of that team. Any penalty assessed and not waived must be paid before the team points for that team will be counted. If any penalty assessed and not waived is not paid by the end of the shoot, the team with a penalty fee outstanding will not be awarded any points for that shoot. This affects team points only. Individual team member records will not be affected by this rule. (7-14-02)

#### **Officer unable to perform duties: -**

A minimum attendance requirement at shoots for Officers to continue to hold their office has been set at five or more shoots for the season required unless excused by Executive Board for medical or other emergency condition. Failure to attend the minimum number of shoots without proper excuse will be considered as the officer tending his/her resignation. (7-14-18)

In the event a L&V officer can no longer fulfill their officer duties due to death, resignation or other reasons, the following rule will take effect. Section 1 is followed if only one office is vacant. If more than one office should become vacant, Section 2 will take effect.

1. If the President is no longer able and there are fewer than six shoots remaining in the season, The Vice-President will assume the office of President and the office of V.P. will remain vacant unless item 2 (listed below) shall take effect. If the V.P. shall be unable to perform, and there are fewer than six shoots remaining, the office of V.P. shall remain vacant. If there are six or more shoots remaining, the Team Representatives shall ask their team for a volunteer to fill the unexpired portion

of the Vice-President's remaining term of office. If more than one person responds, to fill the vacant office, the three current league officers shall select one of the volunteers to fill the remaining vacant office term.

If the Office of Treasurer should become vacant the V.P. shall assume temporarily the duties of Treasurer. This will only be an interim position until the news of the vacancy is distributed, via telephone, e-mail. The League's web site, or any other feasible means AND notification to the team representatives. The Team Representatives shall ask their team for a volunteer to fill the unexpired portion of the Treasurer's remaining term of office. If more than one person responds, to fill the vacant office, the three current league officers shall select one of the volunteers to fill the remaining vacant office term.

If the Office of Secretary should become vacant the V.P. shall assume temporarily the duties of Secretary. This will only be an interim position until the news of the vacancy is distributed, via telephone, e-mail. The League's web site, or any other feasible means AND notification to the team representatives. The Team Representatives shall ask their team for a volunteer to fill the unexpired portion of the Secretary's remaining term of office. If more than one person responds, to fill the vacant office, the three current league officers shall select one of the volunteers to fill the remaining vacant office term.

2. In the event two or more officer positions simultaneously become vacant, the news of the vacancy is distributed, via telephone, e-mail. The League's web site, or any other feasible means AND notification to the team representatives. The Team Representatives shall ask their team for a volunteer(s) to fill the unexpired portion of each the vacant office remaining term of office. If there is more than one person volunteering to fill a vacant office, the Team Representatives (not the remaining officers) will select the person to fill that office. (added 7-2014)